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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of

ROBERT H. SHELTON

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APPLICATION

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EXAMINER: Jean B. FLEURANTIN

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Sir:

Not having received any response to Status Requests of October 28, 2003 and January 26, 2004, the undersigned Attorney of Record telephoned the Examiner on March 16, 2004. During the telephone conversation, the undersigned stated that his record had been checked and that the listing of claims was correct as set forth in the "Request for Reinstatement of the Appeal of 29 November, 2001." It would therefore appear that the mistakes referred to in the Board's Order of August 13, 2003 are the result of an internal clerical error within the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in order to help move the appeal forward, the undersigned encloses herewith a copy of the claims which are exact duplicates of those which were filed with the Request for Reinstatement of the Appeal of November 29, 2001 (and which the Examiner stated were correct on page 2 of the Examiner's Answer mailed January 28, 2003.) It is respectfully requested that such be supplied to the Honorable Board so that the appeal may be timely docketed.

If anything further is needed in respect of this Appeal, please notify the undersigned. Otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the Appeal be docketed and that the particulars thereof be provided the undersigned in due course.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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